



Success Stories

Steven Cloward – Sally Mauro

Sally Mauro Elementary kicked off our Gold Medal Schools program last Friday. The kids are really excited and we walked our first mile. We have a three-mile walkway that begins right outside our school grounds and goes up through a beautiful canyon along the mountainside.

On our way back down, I noticed one of our sixth graders, Steven Cloward, walking back down the trail. He was really in pain and was struggling. Steven was born with a clubfoot and has four ankle surgeries and two leg surgeries in the past few years. He still has other surgeries pending. He walks with a definite limp and his right foot is at an uncomfortable angle. I asked him if I could go get the car and drive him back. He was adamant when he replied, “No, I want to do this.” This is one of the most courageous people I have encountered. He is determined to achieve his goals and never complains when he is hurting or struggling. He is really an inspiration to us all and a very definite success story. I am sure that he will continue to walk with his classmates as far as he possible can, each time they venture out.